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Mr. Mike Spies, Plant Manager
J.H. Baxter & Company, Inc.
6520 188th Street N.E.
Arlington, Washington 98223

Dear Mr. Spies:

As discussed in your conversation with Lynn Guilford of our office on October 28, 1988, this letter is a request for information regarding J.H. Baxter, located at 6520 188th Street N.E., Arlington, Washington.

J.H. Baxter & Company, Inc. has been identified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region X as requiring additional information to accurately profile the nature and extent of past waste disposal activity at the site.

The EPA has been given authority under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 (42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq.; Sec. 104), to gain access to sites where hazardous substances may have been generated, stored, treated, disposed, or transported. Ecology and Environment, Inc. (E&E) is an authorized contractor of EPA (Contract No. 68-01-7347) (CERCLA; Sec. 115) and is acting on their behalf as field investigators.

A site assessment is performed to determine the impact or potential impact on the environment of any hazardous substances which may exist in an uncontrolled manner at your facility. Information gathered is subsequently summarized in a report which will be available from EPA. The report provides a basis for determining if any further action is required at the site.

Your company may assert a claim of confidentiality for any information entitled to protection under 40 CFR, Part 2, Subpart B by designating data you believe is entitled to such protection and submitting that data separately.

The information required at the present time to complete the assessment is listed below:

- o A layout of the site including: process areas, raw materials storage areas, waste storage areas, treated wood storage areas, the woodwaste landfill, and any other major features of your facility.
- o A description of containment systems used at the facility.



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- o A process description with process flow diagrams for all wood treating processes and supporting processes, indicating sources of waste streams.
- o Characteristics and annual quantities of raw materials, final products, and wastes, including hazardous materials, if generated at the site.
- o Descriptions of waste treatment systems and quantitative data on waste generated from various processes.
- o Collection and treatment methods used for surface runoff and water accumulated in bermed areas. If possible, specify runoff quantities.
- o Water supply source for the facility, including volumes of process and sanitary water used.
- o Records on waste quantities, disposal, and shipment methods both past and present. Information on waste disposed of on-site in the past.
- o Records on spills including material types, quantities, and remedial actions. Analytical results for soil and groundwater samples collected in conjunction with any removals.
- o Information on environmental studies conducted at the site.

I would appreciate it if you could provide the requested information by November 11, 1988. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Lynn Guilford or me at (206) 624-9537. Please contact Deborah Flood, USEPA, at (206) 442-2722 if you have additional questions regarding the purpose of this assessment.

Sincerely yours,

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Field Investigation Team Manager

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Enclosures

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